

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7270

Joint Petition of Verizon New England Inc., d/b/a Verizon )  
Vermont, certain affiliates thereof, and FairPoint )  
Communications, Inc. for approval of an asset transfer, )  
acquisition of control by merger and associated transactions )

**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC GOOD ISSUED TO NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND  
TELEPHONE OPERATIONS INC. PURSUANT TO 30 V.S.A. § 231**

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the Public Service Board ("Board") of the State of Vermont on this date finds and adjudges that the issuance of a Certificate of Public Good to Northern New England Telephone Operations Inc. ("FairPoint") for the purpose of providing intrastate telecommunications services within the state of Vermont, will promote the general good of the State of Vermont. This Certificate is subject to, and FairPoint shall comply with, the conditions contained in the Board's Order of February 15, 2008, in Docket 7270, which are attached hereto as Attachment 1. In addition, no later than twenty days from the date of issuance of this Certificate, FairPoint shall provide the Board with the Vermont Secretary of State's authorization for this company.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008.

s/James Volz )

) PUBLIC SERVICE

s/David C. Coen )

) BOARD

s/John D. Burke )

) OF VERMONT

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: February 15, 2008

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson

Clerk of the Board

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